

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3826–3844; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 367–370, and H. Res. 534, 535, and 537, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 536, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–428).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaHood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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GAO Human Capital Reform Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 2751, to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, by a yeas and nays vote of 382 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 28.

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Pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement of Tuesday, February 24, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill was considered as adopted.

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The bill was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Tuesday, February 24.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing and honoring the life of Raul Julia: H. Con. Res. 287, recognizing and honoring the life of the late Raul Julia, his dedication to ending world hunger, and his great contributions to the Latino community and the performing arts by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 29;

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Barber Conable Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3690, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 West Main Street in Batavia, New York, as the “Barber Conable Post Office Building”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 2:19 p.m.

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Consideration of Unborn Victims of Violence Act: The House agreed to H. Res. 529, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 1997, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uni-

form Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, by a voice vote.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies began fiscal year 2005 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from the following officials of USDA: Ann M. Veneman, Secretary; James R. Mosley, Deputy Secretary; Keith Collins, Chief Economist; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to receive a briefing on the CIA. Testimony was heard from George J. Tenet, Director, CIA.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies began fiscal year 2005 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gale A. Norton, Secretary; P. Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget; and John D. Trezise, Director, Budget.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies hearing on SSA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Jo Anne Barnhart, Commissioner; and James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Robert Coonrod, President and CEO; Pat Mitchell, President and CEO, Public